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## JAPANESE LANDING TO BESIEGE VLADIVOSTOK

### PROSPECTUS OF BALTIC FLEET

**Russians Burn a  
Village In  
China.**

**They Massacre All the  
Inhabitants, Includ-  
ing the Women.**

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

**YINKOW, Feb. 26--The  
Japanese have landed at  
Possiet Bay to attack Vla-  
divostok.**

#### THE BALTIC SQUADRON.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—Baltic squadron, eight battle-  
ships, five cruisers, two transports, thirty torpedo boats sail East  
June.

The above dispatch is given in the skeleton form in which it was  
received. The concluding three words may mean that the Baltic  
ships will sail in June for the Far East or that they are sailing now  
and expect to arrive in June. The former dispatch announcing that  
the Baltic fleet had entered the Kiel canal on its way to the Orient  
was denied two days thereafter.

#### IF A GREAT WAR COMES,

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Prime Minister Balfour has confirmed  
the statement that Great Britain has no intention, in the event of  
a continental war, to seize ports on the coast of Spain.

#### RUSSIANS MASSACRE CHINESE.

TIENTSIN, Feb. 26.—The Russians have burned a large Chi-  
nese village on the Sungari river and massacred the inhabitants,  
including women.

The Tsungari river is about 20 miles from Harbin, where Alex-  
ieff recently established himself.

#### COSSACKS GUARD RAILROAD.

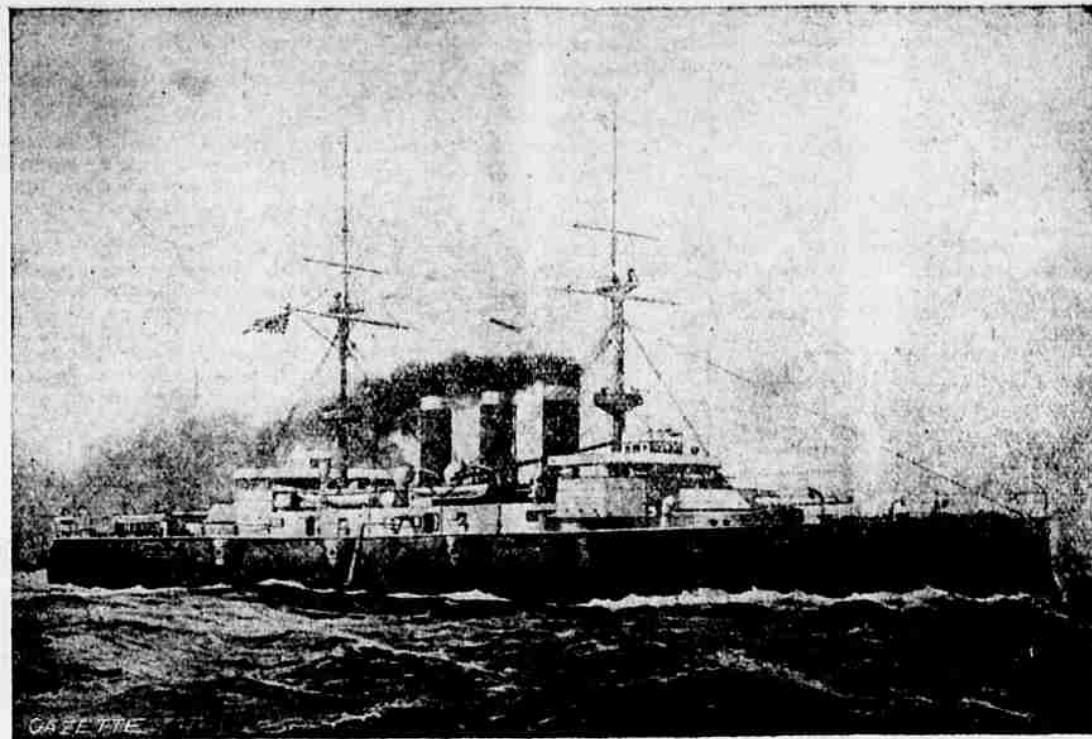
PEKING, Feb. 26.—The Manchurian railway is guarded by  
Cossacks occupying towers built at intervals of a mile.

#### RUSSIA DOESN'T LIKE US.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—Irritation at the United States  
is affecting the trade between the two countries. Commercial or-  
ders are being cancelled here.

#### SEIZES KOREA BEEF.

NAGASAKI, Feb. 26.—Six hundred and seventy tons of Rus-



JAPANESE FIRST CLASS BATTLESHIP HATSUSE.

### STRENGTH OF WORLD'S NAVIES GIVEN IN OFFICIAL FIGURES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The fighting strength of the  
various navies of the world, together with details of the build-  
ing programme of each for the coming year, has been com-  
piled by Chairman Foss, of the House Naval Affairs Com-  
mittee, and made an appendix to the report on the naval bill.  
In the relative order of warship strength is given in ton-  
nage, as follows:

Countries	Present Tonnage.	Eventual Tonnage.
Great Britain.....	1,516,040	1,867,250
France.....	576,108	735,737
Russia.....	416,158	616,275
Germany.....	387,874	558,432
United States.....	294,405	505,619
Italy.....	258,838	329,277
Japan.....	243,586	253,681
Austria.....	93,913	149,833

Eventual tonnage includes completed vessels and those  
under construction or for which provision has been made.

sin beef in the cargo of the Korea have been seized.

#### CHINA UNLOADS RUSSIAN BEEF.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—The sailing of the Pacific Mail  
steamer China has been delayed until Saturday to allow the unload-  
ing of Russian beef which it is feared the Japanese would capture.

#### AFTERNOON REPORT.

PORT ARTHUR, Manchuria, Feb. 25.—The Japanese naval  
squadron again threatened Port Arthur but retired after a cannonade  
of short duration.

Two stranded ships were burned.

The torpedo-boats of the Japanese fleet were not injured.

TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 25.—The Russian cruiser Variag, which  
was sunk at Chemulpo on February 8th, has been examined by  
Japanese naval officers. It is possible the cruiser may be raised and  
put in the Japanese service. The most serious injury is above the  
water line.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 25.—Wheat touched \$1.09 on the Ex-  
change today. The war in the Orient is aiding the bull movement.



CHINESE MILITARY PRISONERS IN KOREA, 1895.



### TO FORTIFY PUNCHBOWL

**Guns to Keep an Enemy's Ships  
at Respectful Distance From  
Honolulu.**

Punchbowl may be created a live crater for war purposes in  
the Federal scheme of fortifying Honolulu against the possible at-  
tacks of enemies. A former consideration of Honolulu's peerless  
lookout mountain, about whose base some of the prettiest suburbs  
are clustered, for a formidable citadel resulted in abandonment of  
the idea as not of the best military science.

Now, it is authoritatively announced, the War Department is  
again taking up the question of establishing a powerful land battery  
upon Punchbowl. Col. J. C. McClellan, commandant of the Coast  
Artillery garrison at Camp McKinley, has approached the Terri-  
torial Government on the subject. The plan broached is to place  
heavy guns some distance back from the rim of the extinct crater  
—far enough back, it is suggested, to avoid damage to buildings in  
town from concussion when the guns are fired. No doubt the can-  
non could not be always kept mute in times of peace, as the gun-  
ners must have some practice and a range-finding field for the possi-  
ble enemy be constructed.

The Territorial Government is consulted in the matter by  
courtesy, as the War Department wishes to ascertain how the citi-  
zens of Honolulu would regard the planting of heavy ordnance over  
their heads.

It is said that the guns would have a range out to sea over the  
city of 12,000 yards. As the effective range of a modern battleship's  
guns is 8000 yards, the theory is that the Punchbowl battery would  
be able to keep an enemy at a respectful distance. Though under  
the articles of war the fortifying of the city would invite its bom-  
bardment by an enemy, the argument is heard that if not fortified  
the city would be captured anyway.

On the part of the Government, it is suggested, the acquisition  
of Punchbowl for fortification purposes by the War Department  
might be accompanied with a restoration to the Territory of the  
drilled property as the greatly desired site of the projected new  
armory of the National Guard of Hawaii.

## DOINGS OF CONGRESS

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Senate has passed the legisla-  
tive, judicial and executive appropriations.

The House Committee on Contested Elections has made a re-  
port in favor of seating Livernash, of California, whose seat was  
claimed by Kahn.

#### WARSHIPS LEAVING THE ISTHMUS.

PANAMA, Isthmus of Panama, Feb. 25.—The larger portion  
of the United States warships at the Isthmus have been recalled.  
The only vessels of the Pacific Squadron remaining will be the Mar-  
blehead, the Petrel, Wyoming and two torpedo-boats. Since the  
ratification of the Canal Treaty and the anticipated arrival of the  
Third Infantry, this force is considered sufficient to guard American  
interests.

The cruisers New York, Boston and the gunboat Bennington  
will go to Callao. Four hundred and fifty of the marines will be  
transferred to the new Naval Station at Guantanamo, Cuba. The  
Dixie will probably be sent to San Domingo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 25.—C. E. Grunsky of San Fran-  
cisco has accepted an appointment as Panama Commissioner.

#### WAR VESSELS TO THE PHILIPPINES.

PORT SAID, Suez, Feb. 25.—The United States cruiser Buf-  
falo with a convoy of torpedo-boats left this port today. The ves-  
sels are bound to the Philippines.

#### PRESIDENT HARPER IS ILL.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 25.—President Harper of Chicago Uni-  
versity has suffered a relapse following an operation for appendi-  
citis. His condition is quite serious.